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Theudis ruled in Spain, to  
which the Visigothic empire  
was limited

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When Dionysius published his tables he included:

anno Domini (A.D.) = "the year of our Lord"  
(many people now call the Common Era (C.E.))

In a letter to bishop named Petronius, Dionysius complained that earlier Easter tables used a calendar widely followed at the time which started its year one in A.D. 284, the year that Emperor Diocletian

extended to the throne. Under this system  
Dionysius wrote his letter (we call AD 531) was  
designated the year 247 anno Diocletian, the  
year of Diocletian. But Diocletian was a noted  
persecutor of Christians. He calculated Christ  
had been born exactly 531 yrs earlier (which  
became his base yr of A.D. 1 (Dionysius did  
not designate a year zero because the concept  
of zero had not yet been invented)